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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

SUBJECT : Briefing Memo for Third Annual Report
of Advisory Committee on Foreign Language
Publications (ACFLP)

1. Subject report is on the IAC agenda for 10 April 1956 for noting only. However, you may wish to make some commendatory remarks regarding the success of the program due largely to improvement in inter-agency collaboration.

2. You are charged by NSCIB 16 with the coordination of the procurement, exploitation and referencing of foreign language publications for intelligence purposes. Paragraph 5 of NSCIB 16 sets up the ACFLP to advise you on these matters.

3. Procurement has improved from a total of [redacted] publications received and disseminated in 1954 to [redacted] in 1955. Multilateral cooperation under the coordination of the Foreign Branch/CIA Library has largely accounted for the improvement. All agencies procuring materials in the field have contributed to this success.

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4. Exploitation of the materials collected has been under continuous review by the subcommittee to insure maximum benefit from the limited linguistic facilities available in the community. Again inter-agency collaboration has guaranteed the success of the venture.

5. Referencing the foreign language materials is only one facet of the total information handling problem, so I asked the Reference Subcommittee to meet with the IAC ad hoc Committee on Information Handling until the work of that committee is completed.

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Chairman, ACFLP

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